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DONATE YOUR SHOES FOR GOODWILL

**PITTSFIELD, MA** – The religious education classes of St. Mark Church in Pittsfield will organize a “Search for Soles” collection in December to benefit Goodwill of the Berkshires. As part of this program, the Goodwill accepts shoes in any condition. Donate your old tennis, boots, sandals, pumps or even flip-flops. Shoes in good condition will be placed for resale in the Goodwill retail stores here in the Berkshires. All other shoes are bundled, sold to a recycling company, keeping them out of landfills.

“The Goodwill Shoe donation program provides funds for job training, employment placement services and other community based programs to people with disabilities, those who lack education or work experience and others facing challenges to finding employment,” says Frank Engels, CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Berkshires. “Last year, we helped 59 people through 2,355 on job training days – the community’s support is vital to this effort.”

The parish will have drop off bins available at St Mark Church, 400 West St, Pittsfield, on Sunday December 12 and Sunday December 19.

Shoes, clothing, and household goods may also be brought to any Goodwill location in the Berkshires. To find the Goodwill drop-off location nearest you, call 413-442-0061, or visit [www.goodwill-berkshires.org](http://www.goodwill-berkshires.org).

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